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## Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Noxon Rod & Gun Club in Noxon, Montana proposes installing a voice release system on their trap range located in Sanders County ½ mile SE of the town of Noxon,. This voice release system will replace the "wired" button release requiring an operator. The organization has applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program for \$787.50 in partial funding of the \$1,575 total cost of installing a wireless voice release system.

A review of the grant proposal has been completed. The voice release system will replace a "wired" button operated release system, and are therefore exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action:...(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities;

This project uses no federal funds nor does it take place on state owned or controlled property: therefore, the Federal 106 Regulations and the State Antiquities' Act do not apply.

As a result of the review, funding for this proposed project is approved, pending the Noxon Rod & Gun Club's completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program. For any question or comments concerning this grant contact me in writing at FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620 or by e-mail <a href="mailto:kcunningham@mt.gov">kcunningham@mt.gov</a>.

Sincerely, Signed letter on file

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